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Mr. Rick Black
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Attention: Finance Docket No. 34075-Environmental Comments

RE: Six County Association of Governments application to Surface Transportation Board for authority to construct and operate of a 43-mile line of new single-track rail line in Sanpete, Sevier, and Juab Counties, Utah

Dear Mr. Black:

This letter is in response to your April 1, 2003 request to my office for comments relative to the above captioned project and in compliance with the scoping requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FEMA does administer the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). From the description of your project, it appears that it will take place in the following NFIP participating communities (counties).

1. Sevier County, participating in the NFIP since 7/86; ID# 490121, Mr. Don Brown, (435) 896-9262
2. Sanpete County, participating in the NFIP since 6/86 ID#490111, Building Inspector (435) 835-2113
3. Juab County not participating in the NFIP

As a condition for participating in the NFIP, each of the above listed communities has adopted maps developed by FEMA, which delineates the communities' floodplains and has also adopted a flood damage prevention ordinance, which provides the community with legal authority to regulate development in those floodplains. I therefore recommend that you contact and coordinate with the floodplain administrator for each of the communities that potentially will be impacted by your project. This coordination should include a determination of the potential impacts your project will have on the community's floodplains and if so, a request for a floodplain development permit for that action.

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I appreciate the opportunity to reply to this request and for further information, please contact Barbara Ellis of my staff at (303) 235-4715.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David I. Maurstad". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and "M".

David I. Maurstad
Regional Director